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TOUGH TO SWALLOW

An emotional Brazil fan reacts after his team is defeated by Germany 7-1 during the 2014 World Cup semifinal match on Tuesday in Belo Horizonte. The loss was Brazil's heaviest in World Cup history, leaving the host country stunned. Story, page 12. LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

Fans pour into Craven Country Jamboree site

Little bit country. Festival site dry, despite region's extensive flooding; reserve sites sold out last week

Some are going there to party, and some are going to meet up with old friends at the Craven Country Jamboree north of Regina.

During the five-day jamboree, Craven becomes the third-largest town in Saskatchewan.

Anywhere from 25,000 to 28,000 people are expected for the music festival, which features country stars such as George Canyon, Gord Bamford and Dierks Bentley.

"(I'm looking forward to) everything, especially meeting friends out here that we've met for so many years," said Gloria Fandrick, who was near the front of the line when the gates opened on Tuesday morning.

"It's just so much fun to visit with them again because you only see them once a year — so it's nice."

The music starts on Wednesday and the festival runs until Sunday.

And thanks to a drainage system installed this past spring, Craven marketing director Kim Blevins said the site is dry for the first time in years — despite a deluge of rain flooding other areas of the province last week.

She added that the area is actually a little dusty this week, and joked that they might have to purposely water the grounds.

Fandrick has been coming to Craven every year since it started, with the exception of the years that it switched from country to rock music.

As a country fan, she is especially excited to see Keith Urban on Sunday because she has never seen him perform live.

The festival has increased the number of reserve sites and decreased the number of general camping sites that are available as people drive up.

All of the reserve sites sold out last week, so people who didn't book in advance might be out of luck.

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More than just tunes

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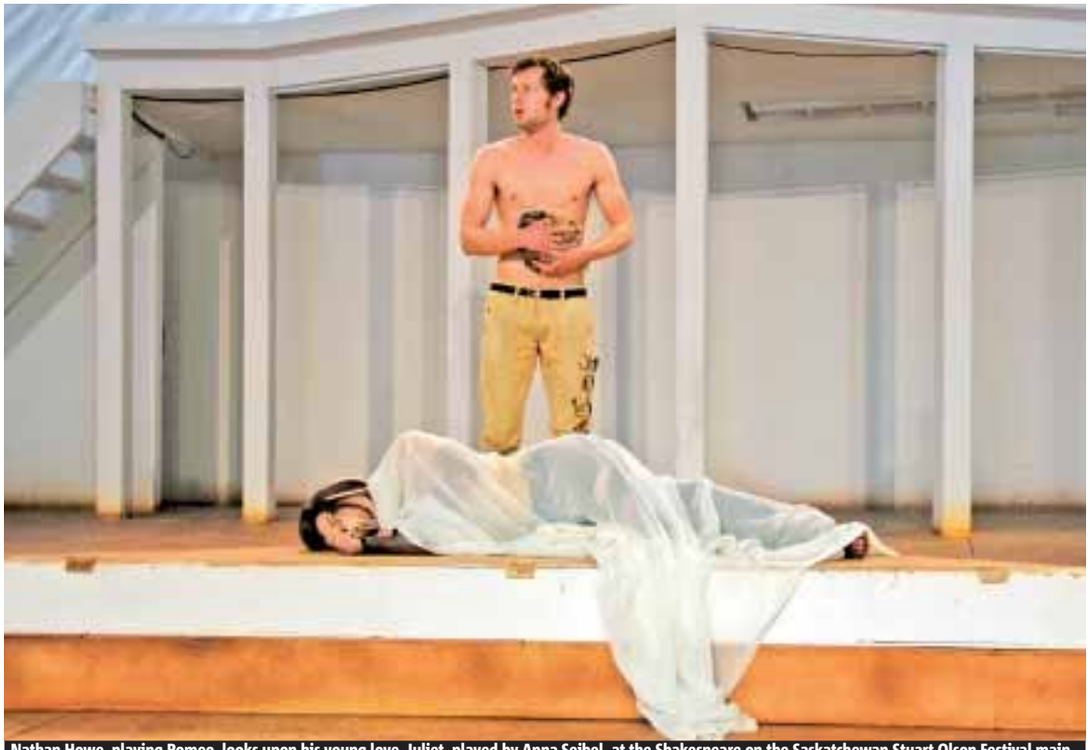

Nathan Howe, playing Romeo, looks upon his young love, Juliet, played by Anna Seibel, at the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Stuart Olson Festival main stage on Tuesday afternoon. Presenting Taming of the Shrew alongside Romeo and Juliet, organizers say audiences will be provided with performances that represent both ends of Shakespeare's work. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

The Bard's tales get told, with a twist of doo-wop and passions that pop

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan. Now in its 30th year, festival can be enjoyed by all, not just die-hard theatre fans

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Saskatoon is set to celebrate its 30th year of bringing classic plays to the public, which organizers say continues to serve as a summer staple for the city.

The festival will feature William Shakespeare's comedy The Taming of the Shrew with a 1960s doo-wop twist, alongside one of the world's best-known tragedies, Romeo and Juliet.

Trevor Broughton, a spokesman for the event, said the festival isn't just for die-hard theatre fans.

"We set up these plays so they can be enjoyed by a really broad demographic," he said. "We get everybody from families that are there with their young kids, to retired English professors that are there because they love Shakespeare."

Come one, come all

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Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan spokesman Trevor Broughton

With director Johnna Wright putting a modern twist on The Taming of the Shrew and artistic director Will Brooks at the helm of Romeo and Juliet, Brooks said each performance would deliver a fresh feel night after night.

"Any time a person approaches a play, you're going to bring your own voice to it and you're going to bring your own thoughts to it," he said.

Describing The Taming of the Shrew as a fast and funny extravaganza and Romeo and Juliet as a hot and passionate tragedy, he says the two pieces represent both sides of Shakespeare's massive spectrum of work.

"The two plays couldn't be more different and it's great because it encourages people to be able to come and see both shows."

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan opens on Wednesday night with The Taming of the Shrew at 7:30 p.m. and public parking is available at the Mendel Art Gallery parking lot and the staff parking lot at City Hospital on Queen Street starting at 6 p.m.

The event runs from July 9 to Aug. 24.

Corman Park

Man charged with wielding shotgun at snowmobilers

A Saskatchewan man is accused of confronting two snowmobilers with a shotgun.

RCMP say one of the snowmobilers captured what happened last February south of Saskatoon on video, which he gave to police.

Deryl Ring of the Rural Municipality of Corman Park faces assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon and other charges. The 61-year-old is to appear in Saskatoon provincial court on Sept. 17.

Earlier this year, the snowmobilers said they were riding through fields on private property.

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Estevan. RCMP look for help in case of girl missing for nearly a decade

RCMP hope a mother's plea will jar someone's memory about a missing Saskatchewan girl who police believe was murdered.

It has been almost a decade since 13-year-old Courtney Struble disappeared while walking home in Estevan.

Her mother, Joy Struble, says she can't get over the loss of her daughter and hopes someone will come forward with tips to police that might solve the mystery.

RCMP are putting new posters up around Estevan asking people to join in the search for Courtney.

She was last seen in the late hours of July 9, 2004. She watched a movie with a friend and his brother at a vet clinic on the outskirts of the city and then started to walk home to her father's house.

RCMP say at the time of her disappearance, Courtney had a part-time job cleaning a friend's home in Estevan. She was to complete the job she had started earlier in the week and pick up her pay the weekend following her disappearance.

She also had made plans to meet friends and none of her personal belongings were missing — her wallet, clothes, stuffed animals and makeup were all left behind at her home.

Investigators have determined there has been no banking activity and her Saskatchewan Health Card has not been used.

They say they don't believe that she ran away from home or chose not to have contact with her family.

RCMP are treating the case as a homicide and believe her body is still somewhere in the area and want people to check their rural properties for any evidence.

Joy Struble said she can only hope.

"It's been said to me many times that time heals all wounds," she said Tuesday.

"That's a lie. It doesn't."

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Washington. Sales of recreational pot begin

Washington on Tuesday became the second state to allow people to buy marijuana legally in the U.S. without a doctor's note as eager customers who lined up outside stores made their purchases and savoured the moment.

People began buying marijuana at 8 a.m. at Top Shelf Cannabis, one of two Bellingham stores that started selling the drug as soon as it was allowed under state regulations. Several dozen people waited outside before the doors opened at the shop in this liberal college town of about 80,000 north of Seattle.

Cale Holdsworth, 29, of Kansas, made the first purchase: two grams of pot for $26.50. As customers applauded, he held his brown bag aloft and said, "This is a great moment."

The start of legal pot sales in Washington marks a major step that's been 20 months in the making.

Washington and Colorado stunned much of America by voting in November 2012 to legalize marijuana for adults over 21, and to create state-licensed systems for growing, selling and taxing pot. Sales began in Colorado on Jan. 1.

Washington issued its first 24 retail licences Monday. An Associated Press survey of the licensees showed only about six planned to open Tuesday. Some were set to open later this week or next, while others said it could be a month or more before they could acquire marijuana to sell.

Washington law allows the sale of up to an ounce of dried marijuana, 16 ounces of pot-infused solids, 72 ounces of pot-infused liquids or seven grams of concentrated marijuana, like hashish, to adults over 21.

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Six Flags

Roller-coaster hits tree branch, leaves riders to hang for hours

A roller-coaster hit a tree branch at the Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park in Valencia, Calif., Monday, leaving four people slightly injured and keeping nearly two dozen riders hanging six to nine metres in the air for hours as day turned to night.

Two people hurt on the incident were taken to a hospital as a precaution, but all the injuries were minor, fire and park officials said.

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Chicago

Fourth of July weekend gun violence claims 15th victim

Chicago's Independence Day weekend death toll has climbed to 15 with the death of a man who was shot just before midnight Sunday.

Officials say 25-year-old William Allen was pronounced dead Monday afternoon. Police say Allen was shot Sunday night.

Allen was one of more than 50 people shot over the long Fourth of July holiday weekend.

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The "Prince of Pot" Marc Emery and his wife, Jodie, in Vancouver in this May 2010 photo. Emery is expected to be released from prison in the United States within days, but it could be weeks before he and his followers can celebrate his freedom. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Prince of Pot' prepares for U.S. prison release

New landscape. Canada's Marc Emery meets a different world upon release

When the poster child for marijuana legalization is released from a U.S. prison later this week, he'll be re-entering a world where many of his ideas have taken root and in some places have sprouted right up.

Marc Emery, Canada's self-styled "Prince of Pot," concludes a five-year sentence on Wednesday and will emerge into a lucrative marijuana landscape, where two U.S. states are now issuing recreational pot licences and medical growers are reaping profits.

The 56-year-old Vancouver resident was extradited to Seattle in May 2010, when he pleaded guilty to selling marijuana seeds from Canada to American customers before serving his time in several U.S. corrections' facilities.

On Monday, Washington state distributed for the first time licences to 24 shopkeepers who will hawk legal marijuana, while New York simultaneously became the 23rd U.S. state to authorize pot as medicinal treatment.

"I wish he hadn't gone to prison," said his wife, Jodie Emery, in an interview.

She lauded her husband for spurring much of the shift in legal regulations and social consciousness while he's been locked away.

"Marc (can take) a lot of credit for everything happening in the United States. And of course it's a wonderful feeling to see that his mission has been accomplished," said the 29-year-old, who's assumed much of the advocacy work and has been managing their marijuana paraphernalia store.

Emery will be transported on Thursday to a private deportation facility in Louisiana, where paperwork must be completed and a flight booked to Detroit. His estimated return is between Aug. 10 and 25. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Strengthened

"I can't wait to get home to thank you all ... and resume the unfinished battle to finish off marijuana prohibition with renewed vigour."

Marc Emery in his final blog post from prison

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It's a hard-knock life for home managers

Dareda Mueller, 56, left, and her son Jordan, 21, wash dishes after the family's dinner together in the home they manage for Showhomes in Tampa, Fla. Showhomes' "home managers" are an elite crew of middle-class nomads who are tasked with keeping the luxury homes they live in so immaculate to the point of not looking lived-in at all. It is, as the company's executives called it, "a very different, very difficult life." To see more photos of how this family lives, scan the picture with your Metro News App.

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Maryland. Scientists find decades-old smallpox vials in FDA building

A government scientist cleaning out an old storage room at a research centre in Maryland made a startling discovery last week — decades-old vials of smallpox packed away and forgotten in a cardboard box.

The six glass vials were intact and sealed, and scientists have yet to establish whether the virus is dead or alive, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday.

Officials said this is the first time in the U.S. that unaccounted-for smallpox has been discovered. At least one leading scientist raised the possibility that there are more such vials out there around the world.

The freeze-dried smallpox samples were found in a building at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda that has been used by the Food and Drug Administration since 1972, according to the CDC.

The scientist was cleaning out a cold room between two laboratories on July 1 when he made the discovery, FDA officials said.

Second incident

- It was the second recent incident in which a U.S. government health agency appeared to have mishandled a highly dangerous germ. Last month, many CDC employees in Atlanta were feared exposed to anthrax.

No one has been infected, and no smallpox contamination was found in the building.

Smallpox was one of the most lethal diseases in history. For centuries, it killed about one-third of the people it infected. Global vaccination campaigns finally brought smallpox under control.

After it was declared eradicated, all known remaining samples of live virus were stored at a CDC lab in Atlanta and at a Russian lab in Siberia. There has long been debate over whether to destroy the stockpile. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oklahoma

iPhone makes trip to Japan before being returned to American owner

An Oklahoma farmer's iPhone that was lost when it fell into a grain elevator has been returned to him unscathed after it was found in Japan.

Kevin Whitney lost the phone in October when it slipped out of his shirt pocket as he was unloading grain from a truck into a silo in Chickasha.

The load travelled to a depot in Convent, La., and then loaded onto a ship bound for the island of Hokkaido, Japan. A worker at a Japanese facility phoned a counterpart in Louisiana, who then called Whitney in late May asking if he lost an iPhone.

Whitney says he's glad to get the phone back because it had photos stored on it from his daughter's wedding and vacation, and he thought those were lost forever.

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A man holds a soda pop bottle as he walks under a sign opposed to taxes on sugary drinks posted in the window of Casa Thai Market in San Francisco Monday.
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Attempt to hike pop tax is going flat in America

Bubbled up and over. Repeated efforts in the U.S. to tax sugary drinks at higher levels, like cigarettes, have failed

If two of the most progressive U.S. cities don't pass a tax on sugary drinks, will the idea finally fizzle out?

Sugary drinks have been under fire for years, with many blaming them for rising rates of obesity and chronic diseases. Yet efforts to curb consumption by imposing taxes and other measures have failed, in part because the beverage industry has spent millions to defeat the efforts.

Now, the question of whether a bottle of Dr Pepper with 64 grams of sugar should be treated like a pack of cigarettes is being considered in San Francisco and Berkeley, with the two California cities aiming to become the country's first to pass per-ounce taxes on sugary drinks.

The stakes are high, especially given the Bay Area's reputation for liberal politics. If approved, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and other companies fear it could galvanize health advocates elsewhere. If defeated, the idea of a soda tax could be dead.

"The industry is really motivated to beat us here. If they can beat us in San Francisco and Berkeley, nobody is going to take them on," said Larry Tramutola, the political consultant handling the campaign in support of the tax in Berkeley. The odds aren't in favour of taxes. Since 2009, about 30 special taxes on sugary drinks have been introduced around the U.S. Few have gained traction and none have prevailed.

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Potato-salad party?

You like potato, I like potahto — let's have a party!

An Ohio man who jokingly sought $10 US to pay for his first attempt at making potato salad has raised more than $37,000 from a crowdfunding Internet site.

Zack "Danger" Brown, of Columbus says he's now considering throwing a huge public potato-salad party with the money, which started pouring in after his request took on a life of its own.

Six days into the campaign, he's raised money from more than 3,400 backers worldwide.

The 31-year-old co-owner of a software company says he hasn't been getting much sleep.

Brown tells The Columbus Dispatch that he did it for the "pure enjoyment and silliness of life." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JUST SAYIN'

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OK, kids. School's out. The sun is shining. Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

Yup, it's time to open a lemonade stand.

Don't roll your eyes at me, Buster, and listen up. Lemonade stands are a kid rite of passage. Capitalism with training wheels.

It's easy! The barriers to entry are ridiculously low. All you need is a card table, a hand-painted sign and, of course, a big, frosty jug of product.

Don't worry about all those bylaws and regulations you are no doubt violating. At this stage of the game, everyone thinks you're cute because you're eight. If the cops try to shut you down, you post the bust on Instagram and in no time, you're viral.

It's not until you turn into Conrad Black that you have to worry.

You probably won't be surprised, but the Internet is full of advice for budding lemonade magnates. Ten tips for this, 15 tips for that. It gets so complicated, you might as well go straight to a food truck and skip the MBA altogether.

You really need to keep a couple of key points in mind:

Let's face it. Being cute is your primary product. It helps to have big eyes and dimples. The cuter you are, the more you can charge for the lemonade. If you're not cute, find a partner who is. Plus, if there's more than one of you, you're covered if you have to go to the bathroom.

And speaking of pricing, lemonade expert Norm Brodsky (there is such a thing) recommends charging $1.25-$1.50 a cup because you're cute. That's great, but discount pricing is more effective. Start with 99 cents a cup and escalate by 10 cents for every two-degree increase in air temperature. Cute is good, but thirsty is better. Of course, we don't have pennies anymore, but 99 cents still sounds like a bargain to potential customers and everyone's OK with rounding it up to a buck. If things are slow, offer the second glass free. Works at the outlet mall.

My other tip is don't go all artisan on your first try. Fresh-squeezed local organic lemonade may sound good, but it's expensive and labour-intensive. You want to spend your time counting your profits, not squeezing lemons. You're looking for a reliable, tasty product, which is available at your friendly neighbourhood supermarket. Pour the carton into a jug filled with ice, and eureka: fresh lemonade, not from concentrate. Add a little sugar if you like. Works for Coca-Cola.

Not just kiddie stuff

Just sit there and eventually everyone else will pack it in. Trust me, this works too. Even when you're all grown up.

Don't worry about the competition. At this point, it's all about attention span, and you know from experience that the average eight-year-old's is about four seconds. Just sit there and eventually everyone else will pack it in. Trust me, this works too. Even when you're all grown up.

Finally, do not keep cash on hand. Never forget there are big kids out there who have their own business plan.

And welcome to the real world, sunshine!

DUCKING BRILLIANT

Two-week-old ducks swim in a newly planted rice field on Tuesday in Ichikawa, Japan. Duck-rice farming, an eco-friendly alternative to using chemical pesticides, was developed by Japanese farmer Takao Furuno in 1989, who wrote a book about the technique called The Power of Duck. BUDDHIKA WEERASINGHE/GETTY IMAGES

The Power of Duck: The cuter, more eco-friendly way to farm

Developed in 1989 by Takao Furuno, a farmer in Fukuoka prefecture in Japan who rediscovered a 1,000-year-old technique, duck-rice farming allows for the production of healthy and delicious rice while relying on less labour than other methods.

From its beginnings, it has made its way to nearby rice-growing countries like South Korea, China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand, and faraway ones like Iran.

Rice grown using this method is more resistant to typhoons and other problems, and some farmers who have begun using it have called it a "gift from God."

This method is beneficial from a cost standpoint in that farmers will no longer have to purchase expensive chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

And the fact that extra money can be made when the fully grown ducks are sold off is another factor that many find appealing. WEB-JAPAN.ORG

No quackery here

The method involves releasing aigamo ducklings into a rice paddy about one or two weeks after the seedlings have been planted.

- The ducklings help the rice seedlings grow by eating both insects and weeds that get in the way.
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Potential beary scary ending averted

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Among the rites of spring and early summer are bears shaking off the cobwebs of a very long sleep and lumbering out into the world in search of some breakfast. Sometimes that search takes them into homes. Sometimes it takes them into vehicles.

However, sometimes it also takes them headfirst into a jar, a situation that can have a very sad end if they get stuck. Which is why we're happy for the efforts of heroes like these Wisconsin gentlemen, who enlisted the help of a tree-lugging hunk of heavy equipment called a forwarder to ride to the rescue. (Vern Styles/YouTube)

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Monkey-maker shake up

Suiting up as a simian. Going ape gets simpler as new Dawn of the Planet of the Apes trades time in the make-up chair for the magic of digital

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Andy Serkis in Dawn of the Planet of the Apes. CONTRIBUTED

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→ Want to watch something awesome? Scan this photo with your Metro News app to watch a video of the actors from Dawn of the Planets of the Apes transform into their ape characters.

→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

Roddy McDowell's 1974 appearance on the Carol Burnett Show was something a little different. How often do you see a big TV star singing a love duet with an ape?

Burnett introduced McDowell as, "one of Hollywood's most familiar faces," then feigned shock when the actor came onstage in a tuxedo, but in full Planet of the Apes facial make-up. McDowell starred in four of the Planet of the Apes films and in the TV series.

For the next few minutes they engaged in some tomfoolery — McDowell says he's been working on his tan in Palm Springs and when asked which of his movies has had the most profound effect on him he sidesteps the obvious and recites a soliloquy from Cleopatra — before launching into a spirited version of the Jerome Kern love ballad They Didn't Believe Me. By the end of the tune the audience roars as Burnett warbles, "When I told them how wonderful you are, they didn't believe me," as she mimes picking a bug off his lapel.

Roddy McDowell in the original Planet of the Apes. CONTRIBUTED

Hair-raising experience

Times have changed since McDowell had to endure untold hours in the make-up chair, then smoke using an extra long cigarette holder so as not to light his faux fur on fire.

- "It's about a foot long and makes me look like the weirdest monkey you ever did see," McDowell told Newsday.

Later she thanks Roddy for undergoing the three-and-a-half hours it took to put on the make-up for that bit of funny business.

It's not likely you'll see Andy Serkis, star of the latest slice of simian cinema, Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, partaking in the same kind of promotional monkey business.

These days Serkis, who is best known for his motion capture performance of Gollum in the Lord of the Rings films, performs on a soundstage in front of multiple cameras that film his performance from every angle. He wears a body suit dotted with spots that allow the computers to register even the slightest movement. Serkis calls this "a magic suit" that "allows you to play anything regardless of your size, your sex, your color, whatever you are." Later, in post production the "digital make-up" adds in the costume and character details.

It saves hours in the make-up chair, but is no less a performance than McDowell's more organic approach. "I've never drawn a distinction between live-action acting and performance-capture acting," Serkis says. "It is purely a technology. It's a bunch of cameras that can record the actor's performance in a different way."

Under the provisions of *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulations Act, 1997*, Notice is hereby given that Amanda Dreis has applied to the Liquor and Gaming Authority for a Special Use Permit to sell alcohol in the premises known as Chop Chop Salon at 5 606 22nd St. W. Saskatoon, SK of which the following is a correct legal description:

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Jennifer Lawrence ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

JLaw shows Emma Watson some goofy love with playful shove

Jennifer Lawrence is at it again. The Hunger Games star headed to Paris for the Christian Dior fashion show held during Paris Haute Couture Fashion Week looking lovely as always, though she did risk a wardrobe malfunction by almost flashing a bit of side-boob upon her arrival.

Not that she was at all fazed. Later, with a strategically placed leather jacket added to her outfit, Lawrence showed off her trademark goofiness while posing for photos with Harry Potter star Emma Watson, grabbing Watson's face and shoving it away playfully. That's our girl.

Sofia Vergara

No ifs, ands, or butts, Sofia's got what True Blood star wants

Sofia Vergara apparently didn't want to stay single for long, as the Colombian beauty is reportedly dating True Blood star Joe Manganiello, according to People magazine. "They just started hanging out," a source says, though reps for both are keeping quiet about any shenanigans. Manganiello made no secret about his finding Vergara attractive while she was engaged to ex-fiancé Nick Loeb, though. "There was a picture someone snapped at the White House Correspondents' Dinner where they caught me looking at Sofia Vergara's butt," he previously told People. "I don't go after other people's women. She's got a guy. If she was single, I would be like, poof!" And now he has apparently been like, poof.

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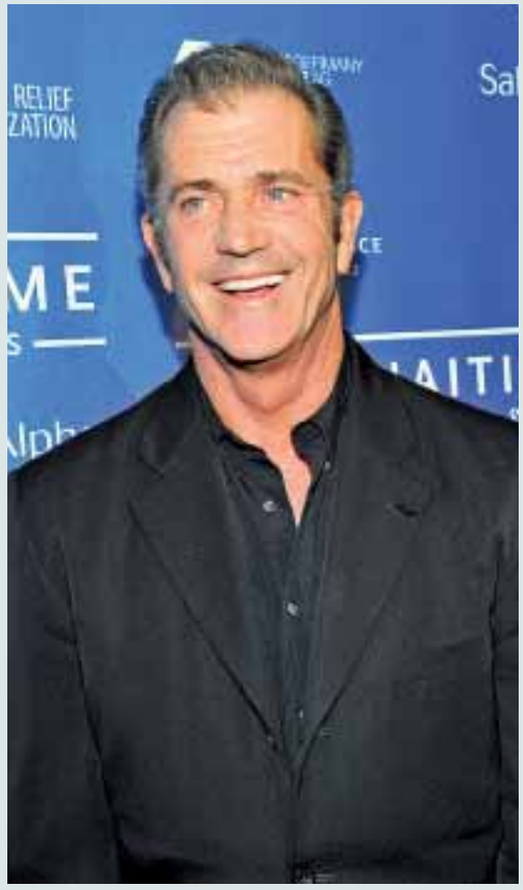

Gibson takes the Mel out of mellowed

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Guys, seriously. Mel Gibson is super-tired of everyone always bringing up his past troubles — specifically that time he got popped for driving under the influence in Malibu, called a female cop some very colourful names and had a few things to say about the Jewish people. But that was, like, a long time ago. "It's behind me. It's an eight-year-old story," Gibson calmly explains to the Hollywood Reporter. "It keeps coming up like a rerun, but I've dealt with it and I've dealt with it responsibly and I've worked on myself for anything I am culpable for. All the necessary mea culpas have been made copious times, so for this question to keep coming up, it's kind of like … I'm sorry they feel that way, but I've done what I need to do."

Also on the list of things Gibson doesn't want to talk about? His upcoming projects. "There are specific things, but I don't want to talk about them, you know why?" he said during the warm and fuzzy chat. "Because every time I do somebody else goes and does it. It's a kind of industrial espionage thing and they do it badly for TV."

Kind of makes you wonder why he even sat down for the interview at all. Oh, right. Expendables 3 comes out next month.

Demi Lovato

Phone hack leaks are a tempest in a Demi-tasse for Lovato and Valderrama

There are apparently no hard feelings between Demi Lovato and Wilmer Valderrama after his phone got hacked last week, resulting in nude photos of Lovato making their way online — along with snarky comments calling the singer fat. But Lovato was all smiles beside Valderrama in photos posted to Instagram just a few days later of them hanging out in Las Vegas with some friends.

Child custody battle rattles Clay Aiken's congressman bid

Clay Aiken is eager to see his bid to become a North Carolina congressman through, but he may not like the scrutiny over his personal affairs his campaign is bringing — like a report that he's receiving monthly child support from his son Parker's mom, Jaymes Foster, as they continue a custody squabble over the 5-year-old boy, according to Radar Online. "The two have been in and out of court in Los Angeles over custody issues involving their son for the last two years. It's truly a sad situation. Clay and Jaymes used to be very, very good friends. She pays him a lot of money in child support each month," a source says.

Clay Aiken

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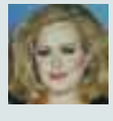

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→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

My first reaction to the idea of taking BikeHike's active adventure tour to Slovenia and Croatia (the Alps to Istria) was: "What?", "Where?" and "Why?"

While I am healthy and reasonably fit, I thought I might be too old (over 40) for an adventure tour.

I couldn't have been more wrong.

In fact, more and more people over 40, 50, 60 and even 70 are choosing tours that take you outside the gates of an all-inclusive and into an incredible, active, authentic and connected experience.

After all, 60 is the new 40!

The fact that BikeHike Adventures is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year tells me that they have a lot of experience with these types of tours.

This tour is defined as "moderate," which means you need a reasonable fitness level because you bike, kayak or hike for up to five hours per day.

The good news is that a support vehicle follows the group in case someone needs a break.

The activity level is enough to make you feel like you accomplished something (and appreciate the glass of wine or cold beer at the end of the day), but doesn't push you beyond your limits. It offers a good balance of activity, relaxation and time to explore local culture.

This eight-day group trip, one of BikeHike's most popular European tours, begins in Slovenia and wraps up in Croatia.

BikeHike's maximum on any trip is 12 people, with a minimum of two, so it is always a small group. The "land only" cost is $2,999 U.S. per person (with no single supplement). It covers almost everything once you are on the ground, including the tour guide, transportation of your luggage, support vehicle, bikes, kayaks, most meals and accommodation.

Slovenia and Croatia are largely undiscovered gems, which means it is still possible to have an authentic, "non-touristy" experience.

The regions visited on this tour are a culinary and wine lover's paradise. They could be compared to some parts of Italy for food, wine and history, but with their own unique and — as yet — undiscovered charm.

Along the way, there is an overnight stay in a mountain hut in the Julian Alps, hiking through green pastures and alpine mountains, cycling and several wine tastings through the Brda wine region (known as "Slovenian Tuscany").

This itinerary goes through lands of castles, vineyards, small white churches and friendly villages.

It is a perfect balance of the road less travelled and the opportunity to step into a magical world full of history and charm — one that hasn't been overwhelmed by tour buses and big groups.

In Croatia, there is more vineyard cycling on the legendary route of the Parenzana, called "The Railway of Wine" — with a rich history of its own. Visiting local villages and medieval towns along the route brings the past alive.

Meeting locals, making friends in the small tour group, and stepping into moments right out of history creates once-in-a-lifetime memories different from anything you could possibly expect.

Sometimes moving out of your comfort zone takes you into amazing experiences that you never could have imagined and, now, never want to forget.

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Making the most of shmoozing solo

Networking without a net. If you're off to a professional event without an entourage, it's best to prepare a plan in advance

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For some people, it's a nerve-wracking situation. Others don't like the small talk.

Even if they make you cringe, networking events are extremely valuable. They are an opportunity to explore the career options in a profession by speaking to those already working in it — and start making professional connections.

Here are a few tips that might also help you.

Do some extra preparation
Whether you're a seasoned networker or a networking novice, it can be a little intimidating to walk into a room full of strangers.

Help me hustle

If you have absolutely no idea where to start at an event, just ask the team who put it together.

If you're not used to attending events solo, spend extra time preparing. Try and set some tentative goals for the event. Are you looking to make a connection with a particular person or organization? Is there an industry career question you want to explore with an expert?

It's also a good idea to review your past work experience and identify some of your major accomplishments and interesting experiences — these can come in handy if a conversation ends up focused on you.

Talk to the event organizers
If you have absolutely no idea where to start at an event, just ask the team who put it together. Try to find out the names of the organizers online before attending the event — that way you know who to look for. Usually, you'll find the organizers near the entrance.

Introduce yourself and thank the organizers for putting the event together, then explain why you're attending.

There's a good chance the event organizers will have already connected with a number of people at the event. Ask if they're able to introduce you to someone who might be in your field or working at a company you'd like to learn more about.

Food for thought

Stand by the bar or near the snacks:

- Don't lurk in a corner! People will notice and you'll attract attention to yourself in a negative way.
- At networking events, most people will travel to the bar or food areas at least a few times. These locations are spots where you can easily start a conversation. Recommend a drink or snack option, and then proceed to introduce yourself.
- If you'd like to hear more from someone about their company or get career advice, ask if they'd like to join you at a table to continue the conversation. If the person has coworkers or friends at the event, tell them you'd appreciate being introduced so you can learn more about different facets of the industry.

Entering any networking event with a clear objective will help you act with purpose. Then you won't have to wait awkwardly for conversations to come to you. ISTOCK

Be bold and approach a table
Remember, the purpose of a networking event is to meet new people and increase your connections. There is no reason to be afraid to approach others.

Try to find a table with a couple of empty chairs and politely ask if you can join the group.

Introduce yourself, and contribute to the conversation.

Make sure to listen attentively and ask engaging questions — don't make the conversation about you.

When you decide it's time to leave, don't get up and walk away. Take a little time to say goodbye to people you had promising conversations with, and make sure you get the contact information of people you would like to connect with later. And don't forget, be sure to always thank the organizers as you leave the event.

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Face feedback positively and professionally

Reviewing your review strategy. What's the best way to receive constructive criticism from your supervisor?

LAKSHMI GANDHI
Metro World News

The annual performance review can be nerve-wracking for even the most confident of employees.

And according to a new book by Harvard Law professors Douglas Stone and Sheila Heen, many managers say they hate giving feedback.

So how can workplaces break this vicious cycle? Douglas Stone shares these suggestions.

Go into the meeting prepared
"Ask yourself: What's the worst that can happen?" says Stone. "We often have a tendency to exaggerate the extent of the feedback. Let's say I tell you, 'You are singing off-key.' In your head, you might be thinking, 'He's saying that I'm awful and that I might never get another job.' But all I'm really saying is that you are singing off-key."

Remember that a performance review is intended to be helpful, rather than hurtful. ISTOCK

Ask for specifics
The term "feedback" is so broad that supervisors may not know where to start. "Instead, just ask for one thing," Stone says. "Say you are trying to get better in general, and ask if there is one thing that you should work on."

Say what you mean
Managers should try to be as clear as possible when giving feedback, says Stone. "Take an employee who is told something like, 'You have to be assertive,' or 'Take more initiative.' Those kinds of phrases don't have independent meaning." Instead, he suggests that managers give an example of what they'd like to see.

Take the feedback in good faith
Stone says that there are two reactions most people have to feedback.

"No. 1 is that it is upsetting," he says.

"No. 2 is that it is wrong. (So) the question is: Is it wrong or not? We dismiss feedback because we believe it is wrong. Let's say someone says you are aloof, and you think 'I'm not aloof, I talk to my co-workers.' It's important to think of what else that could mean. Ask yourself, 'Am I aloof with the clerical staff? Am I aloof with supervisors?'"

Know yourself
If you think you may have a tendency to take feedback very personally, Stone says it's important to take a step back.

"It's knowing your own patterns of behaviour and being aware that we exaggerate (the severity of the criticism.)"

As for readers who feel like a bad performance review is the end of the world, he says they should do this very simple thing: "Ask yourself, am I always going to feel that way?"

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Forget forks with Frittata Fingers

Dinner. Cut it up or keep it whole, no matter how you slice it, this easy meal will satisfy everyone at your table

DINNER EXPRESS
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Change things up for a fun and casual dinner that your family will love.

Bake this frittata and cut it up into finger size pieces to serve up as an appetizer or to pack up in a container to take on the road. You can also leave the frittata in larger pieces for the adults but young kids will love the ease they can pick up their dinner with.

Serve them up with a salad for some added crunch and freshness.

Have fun and enjoy a casual laid back dinner. With sweet summer raspberries in the salad you'll have a delicious ending to your day.

This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

1. In 10 inch (25 cm) ovenproof nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook, stirring often, potatoes, onion, pepper and garlic for 10 minutes or until golden.

2. In a bowl, whisk together eggs and egg whites, oregano and black pepper. Pour evenly over vegetables in skillet and move around for egg to sink to the bottom. Place in preheated 375 F (190 C) oven for about 12 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean and top is light golden. Run a spatula around edge and gently slide the frittata onto cutting board; let cool slightly. Cut into 12 thick finger size pieces to serve.

Fresh Raspberry Salad

Choose fresh spring mix and full ripe raspberries for this sweet and sour salad.

Be sure to toast your nuts in the oven or in a dry skillet for optimum flavour.

If you are going to a potluck be sure to bring your dressing separately and toss once you are there to enjoy.

1. In large bowl combine spring mix, shallot, carrot and half of the raspberries; set aside the other half.

2. Place remaining raspberries in a fine mesh sieve and using a spatula press them through into a small bowl to remove the seeds. Discard raspberry seeds. Whisk in oil, vinegar, chives, mustard, and pepper into the raspberry puree. Drizzle over salad greens and toss to coat. Sprinkle with almonds.

FLASH FOOD

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Ingredients

Frittata Fingers
- 2 tsp (10 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 potatoes, diced (about 8 oz/227 g total)
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 eggs
- 3 egg whites
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh oregano or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano leaves
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) fresh ground black pepper

Fresh Raspberry Salad
- 8 cups (2 l) spring mix greens
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, shredded
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh raspberries
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh chives
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) slivered almonds, toasted

Six scrumptious shades of green

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Fill a large bowl with ice water and have it near the stove.

2. Add the green beans to the boiling water and blanch for 1 to 2 minutes, or until crisp-tender and bright green. Use a slotted spoon to quickly transfer them from the boiling water to the ice water. While the green beans cool, add the asparagus to the boiling water and blanch for 3 to 4 minutes, depending on the thickness of the stalks, until just barely tender. Transfer the asparagus to the ice water with the green beans.

3. Once they have cooled, drain the green beans and asparagus, pat them dry and transfer to a large bowl. Add the snow peas and zucchini.

4. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, shallot, orange zest and juice, vinegar and mustard. Season with salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the vegetables and stir gently to coat well. For best flavour, allow the vegetables to marinate in the dressing for at least 30 minutes.

5. Serve topped with sliced avocado, grated manchego cheese, sprigs of dill and a drizzle of honey.

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Ingredients

- 12 oz fresh green beans, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 bunch asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 cup snow peas, sliced lengthwise
- 1 medium zucchini, halved, seeds scraped out, then cut into thin half moons
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp grated shallot
- Zest and juice of 1 orange
- 2 tbsp sherry vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 avocado, sliced
- Manchego cheese, to serve
- Fresh dill, to serve
- Honey, to serve

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil's Oscar falls to the pitch as the Germans celebrate their 7-1 win on Tuesday at Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte. ROBERT CIANFLONE/GETTY IMAGES

The semifinal of schadenfreude

World Cup. Germans break hearts of a nation after breaching Brazilian defence early and often

Semifinal

7	1
Germany	Brazil
Thomas Mueller 11' Miroslav Klose 23' Toni Kroos 24', 26' Sami Khedira 29' Andre Schuerrle 69', 79'	Oscar 90'

With Neymar out injured, just about everyone in Brazil knew it would be tough against Germany.

Nobody ever expected this.

The Germans tore apart Brazil's porous defence time and time again Tuesday, routing the hosts 7-1 in the World Cup semifinals, the largest margin of defeat at this stage in the history of the tournament.

"We wanted to make the people happy ... unfortunately we couldn't," said Brazil defender David Luiz, who had scored in each of the last two matches. "We apologize to all Brazilians."

The astounding scoreline is sure to overshadow Miroslav Klose's record-setting 16th career World Cup goal. The strike pushed Klose past Brazil great Ronaldo, who was at the Mineirao Stadium on Tuesday as the Germans advanced to their eighth World Cup final.

Germany will face Argentina or the Netherlands on Sunday at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro with a chance to win for the fourth time.

Brazil was playing without Neymar, who was out with a broken vertebra, and suspended captain Thiago Silva.

The atmosphere to start was spine-tingling, but the euphoria of the yellow-shirted thousands soon turned to tears as the Germans scored five goals in the first 30 minutes.

The loss matched Brazil's most-lopsided defeat ever, and it's the first time the team has lost in an official competitive match on home soil since 1975, when Peru won 3-1.

Toni Kroos and Andre Schuerrle scored two goals each, while Thomas Mueller and Sami Khedira added the others.

"Brazil was shocked after the goals. They did not expect that. They did not know what to do," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "Their defence was not organized. A little humbleness would not hurt now."

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Unifor to finalize leadership plans for junior union

Canada's largest private-sector union will likely hold a formal meeting early next week as it attempts to begin the process of representing major junior hockey players from around the country.

A Unifor spokesperson said internal meetings will be held Wednesday as the union continues to put leadership plans in place for the project. However, there are no firm plans to meet with players at this time.

"Once we feel that we have everything in order, then we'll call that meeting," said Unifor spokesperson Sarah Blackstock. "We don't want to rush into anything and I think the stakes are really high. The need for the union is great and so we've got to move carefully and make sure that we get it right."

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MLB

Injury expected to hamper Votto for rest of season

The Reds placed Canadian first baseman Joey Votto back on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with a nagging thigh injury that is expected to limit him for the rest of the season.

Votto, from Toronto, earlier missed 23 games while on the DL with a strained muscle above his left knee. It's not expected to heal completely until the off-season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Decision 2.0

LeBron takes meetings as NBA holds its breath

LeBron James worked out and had a meeting agenda Tuesday in Las Vegas.

If James knows where he will be playing next season, he still isn't saying.

Asked how free agency was going, the four-time MVP said "no complaints."

James is expected to meet with Miami Heat president Pat Riley before making a final decision on his NBA future, and a person close to the situation said that meeting had not happened as of Tuesday afternoon.

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Former Roughrider Dwight Anderson won a Grey Cup in his only full season with the Green and White. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

Anderson accepts business decision

CFL. Veteran defensive back joins Argonauts a day after being traded by Roughriders

Dwight Anderson holds no grudges against the Saskatchewan Roughriders but won't be taking it easy on his former teammates.

The veteran defensive back attended his first practice with the Toronto Argonauts on Tuesday, a day after being dealt by the Riders for a conditional 2015 draft pick. The Argos spoiled Anderson's 33rd birthday Saturday with a lopsided 48-15 home win over Saskatchewan.

Anderson spent most of Tuesday's practice — cut short by thunder and rain — watching and talking with head coach Scott Milanovich, defensive co-ordinator Tim Burke and defensive backs coach Eddie Brown. The expectation is the two-time Grey Cup champion (2008 with Calgary, last year with Saskatchewan) will play Saturday when Toronto hosts the Calgary Stampeders.

Anderson won't have to wait long to face the Riders. Toronto visits Regina on July 26.

Anderson understood when he arrived in Saskatchewan as a free agent prior to the 2013 season he wouldn't be there long. He was signed to help the Riders win a Grey Cup, a goal they achieved last November by beating Hamilton 45-23 at Mosaic Stadium.

While Anderson was somewhat surprised at the timing of the move, he wasn't shocked by Saskatchewan's decision to get younger in its secondary.

"We understand what the journey was there, it was to come in and win a championship," Anderson said. "We got the win like we said we were coming in to do, then they decided they were going to go younger.

"We understand that, that's part of the business."

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Special recognition

Argonauts quarterback Ricky Ray is the CFL offensive player of the week after leading Toronto to a win in its home opener.

- Ray threw for 407 yards, on 29 of 37 passing with three touchdown passes in the Argos' 48-15 win over reigning Grey Cup champion Saskatchewan on Saturday.
- Argos slotback Andre Durie earned Canadian of the week honours, while Montreal defensive end John Bowman took defensive honours and Winnipeg kick returner Demond Washington took the special team award.

A young Riders fan needed his poncho for the team's wet home opener at Mosaic Stadium on June 29. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

Teams having trouble filling seats

The poor turnout for the Argonauts' home opener last Saturday, when only 17,758 showed up, is not a problem just in Toronto.

Across the CFL, attendance at home openers fell from last season, even in traditional strongholds such as Winnipeg, Edmonton and Saskatchewan.

Of the nine teams, only Hamilton and Ottawa have yet to have a home date for 2014, although the expansion Redblacks have announced that their home opener against the Argos on July 18 in 24,000-seat TD Place is sold out.

The lousy attendance for the Roughriders, who drew the smallest home crowd since 2001 when 18,496 showed up, has much to do with the fact the game was played on a wet and windy day.

After four games, attendance was averaging 23,704 across the league. In 2013, average attendance overall was 27,006, so there is hope the crowds will grow throughout summer.

Of course, it's far too early to indicate any trends.

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MLB. Tigers' rout tough for Dodgers to watch

Justin Verlander settled down after a terrible first inning and the Detroit Tigers rallied in emphatic fashion for a 14-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday night.

Verlander (8-7) allowed five runs in the first, but the Dodgers managed only one more hit off the Detroit right-hander. The Tigers tied it with five runs in the second, then added two in the third and four in the fourth to pull away.

Miguel Cabrera was one of five Detroit players with three hits.

Verlander allowed five runs and five hits in six innings. He struck out four and walked two.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (9-5) allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Juan Uribe hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers in the first, but Verlander retired 13 in a row after that.

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Dodgers outfielder Yasiel Puig takes a knee during a pitching change in a game against the Tigers on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

On Tuesday

Tigers	Dodgers
14	5

Clippers sale. Donald Sterling shows up for trial

Donald Sterling, fighting his wife's planned $2-billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers, arrived in court Tuesday to give testimony but sat stolidly as a psychiatrist testified that he's mentally incapable of handling financial affairs.

Sterling was ordered to take the witness stand after failing to appear for the start of the lawsuit trial on Monday afternoon. His lawyers are challenging the authority of Shelly Sterling under a family trust to unilaterally cut a deal for the team with former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

NBA owners are scheduled to vote on the Ballmer deal on July 15. It's also the day that Ballmer's offer is set to expire — and there is no deal without the judge's approval of the sale.

If the sale isn't completed by Sept. 15, the league said it could seize the team and put it up for auction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A parting kiss

Donald Sterling showed no emotion during a psychiatrist's testimony, however, he pulled his wife over as they got up to leave for a break and kissed her. She wiped away a tear as they parted.

Basketball

Westbrook passes on playing for U.S.

USA Basketball says Oklahoma City point guard Russell Westbrook will not participate in this summer's World Cup of Basketball so he can rest some previous knee injuries.

Westbrook was a member of the Americans' gold medal-winning teams at the 2010 World Championship and 2012 Olympics. He has had multiple knee operations since.

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Redskins

Name defender cuts tenure short

A blogger hired by the Washington Redskins to defend the team's name has quit after two weeks.

Ben Tribbett announced his resignation on Twitter late Monday, saying he didn't want to be a distraction because of personal attacks directed toward him.

Tribbett tweeted that he supports the Redskins name but doesn't "see eye to eye with some friends" over the issue.

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2014 Honda Odyssey

- **Type.** Four-door, 7- or 8-passenger full-size minivan
- **Engines (hp).** 3.5-litre V6 with cylinder deactivation (248)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price.** Base $29,990, as-tested $32,045 (plus destination)

Market position

Only a handful of competitors remain in this segment, and manufacturers offer numerous features — along with incentives — to woo buyers away from alternatives. Honda scores with an excellent powertrain and roomy interior.

Points

- The top-line Touring includes an integrated vacuum cleaner to handle the inevitable minivan messes.
- Improvements to the 2014 model include minor styling changes, four-way power passenger seat on all models, and on the EX and up, a blind-spot display that shows up in the centre screen.
- The set-back front centre console leaves enough floor space so a purse or pack can be kept within easy reach.

The Odyssey handles extremely well, offering a car-like ride.

Interesting features

Rear-view camera, second-row climate controls, eight-way power driver's seat, Bluetooth streaming audio, front-seat anti-whiplash head restraints, three-row curtain airbags with rollover sensor.

This isn't your mother's minivan

PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH

Review. The Honda Odyssey offers light steering, a smooth, car-like ride and decent fuel economy

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At one time, minivans were the top choice for family vehicles, but they fell out of favour as buyers went to SUVs and crossovers. Still, you can't beat them for moving a full load of passengers and cargo, and Honda's Odyssey is a standout.

It's pricey, ranging from $29,990 for the base LX to a high of $48,050 for the top-line Touring, but you do get a lot of features for the money. My tester was the SE, the next trim up from the base model, at $32,045.

The Odyssey uses a 3.5-litre V6 engine with a nifty cylinder deactivation feature. When you don't need full power, such as when you're cruising at a steady speed, the engine can run on four or even three cylinders to save fuel. It happens automatically, and so smoothly that it's almost impossible to feel the engine switch over. I averaged just 9.2 L/100 km in it, which is pretty good for a van this size, especially since I drove it most of the time with it loaded up.

Honda's Odyssey features power front seats and a removable front console box.

Part of that fuel economy is also due to its six-speed automatic transmission, which is now used on all trim lines. On the 2013 models, only the top-end Touring had it, with all others using a five-speed automatic.

For its size, this minivan handles extremely well, with light but accurate steering, and a car-like ride that's smooth, but not so soft that it wallows around turns.

The Odyssey is definitely designed for practicality. There's a lot of room for accessing the third row, and the seats are very easy to fold flat when you need extra cargo space. The front console box can be taken out if desired, and the middle seat in the second row slides forward so those in the front can attend to a child in that seat.

Even the base trim line includes power front seats, a rear-view camera, Bluetooth, and USB interface. Before you automatically head to the SUVs, give the minivan one more look.

Compare

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1 Dodge Grand Caravan
Base price: $27,995
The "original minivan" still scores on price and its exclusive fold-into-the-floor second-row seats.

2 Toyota Sienna
Base price:$29,120
Great performance and comfortable ride make this the Odyssey's closest competitor, but it can get pricey.

3 Kia Sedona
Base price: $28,695
Expect deep discounts on 2014s in preparation for the all-new 2015 model's arrival.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Follow your instincts wherever they take you and don't worry that you can't yet see your ultimate destination. It's the journey that matters.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The grass often looks greener on the other side but the planets warn you should stay right where you are. If you are thinking of changing your job, you are advised to think again.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Try not to be suspicious if someone offers you what you really desire today. It could be a trick, but it they could also just want to see you happy.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Things may seem dull but that will soon change. The full moon in Capricorn on Saturday will compel you to get serious about something that could change your life.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Try something you have not tried before. The Sun's link with Saturn, planet of success, indicates that if you make an effort you will accomplish something out of the ordinary.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you've fallen behind in your work, now is the time to catch up. The planets will give you the energy to get things done but don't go too far.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Others may tell you that your recent good fortune was pure luck but you know better. You are the kind of person who is never satisfied with things as they are. Keep reaching.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
At home and work you'll have to watch what you say over the next 24 hours as there are some fragile egos out there. You don't need to make more enemies. Think before you speak.

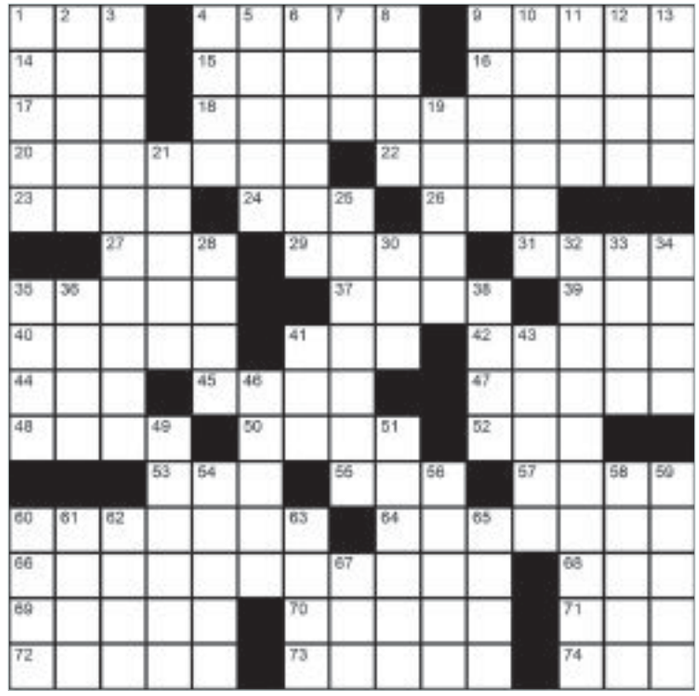
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have to get tough, especially when dealing with people who try to play down your achievements, but you'll make a good impression on those who matter.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You don't need to change direction, no matter what people might say. You are where you are meant to be and you are following the path that was designed for you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The tighter you hold on to something over the next few days, the more painful it will be when the full moon takes it from you during the weekend.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you give up on a project now you will regret it later in the year when you realize how close you were to success.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Mil. rank
4. Swedish cars
9. Islamic leaders
14. Irish actor Stephen
15. Permeate
16. Volume units
17. Vase
18. Father of Confederation who has a Toronto college named after him: 2 wds.
20. Patrick of "The Red Green Show"
22. Summery shoes
23. Sweat droplet
24. 'Sub' finisher (Residential area)
26. Compass dir.
27. US teeth docs org.
29. Stupefy
31. __ and void
35. Pesto ingredient
37. __ me tangere (Touch-me-not)
39. New
40. Some Miller beers
41. SSW's opposite
42. E-Mail: Multiple-people-sending
44. "__ to Newfoundland" (The Rock's provincial song)
45. Herman Melville tale
47. Breaching beasts
48. Nunavut, e.g.
50. Curve
52. No
53. 'Eight' ender
55. Ms. Ripa, briefly
57. Frosted
60. "Well done!": 2 wds.
64. Another type of performer at #32-Down
66. Montreal's Mount Royal is part of the __ Hills
68. Pique
69. Stand-up
70. Judy Garland's daughter Ms. Luft
71. Aussie songstress
72. Paper piece
73. Jumbo
74. Keanu character

Down
1. Cookie droplet
2. __ Rock (Gulf of St. Lawrence attraction)
3. Ontario cheese which is Frome's (a British cheese show since 1861) reigning Global Supreme Champion
4. Billboard
5. "Can I have _ __ please?" (Diner's request)
6. On the ship
7. Office, briefly
8. Portions, briefly
9. Literary IDs
10. 'See History Unfold' city in southern Manitoba
11. Old World buffalo
12. Whimper
13. US IDs
19. Painting stand
21. "The Munsters" son
25. Fry bread of Inuit cuisine
28. Too
30. Ms. Saldana
32. Edmonton International Street Performers Festival type of performer
33. Ms. Dunham
34. Chopped tree parts
35. Ink stain
36. Parliament Hill worker
38. PC picture
41. Scand. land
43. Late night's Mr. Ferguson
46. Nobleman's home
49. Power suit accessory: 2 wds.
51. 1976 Joni Mitchell album taken from the Arabic word for Muhammad's journey from Mecca to Medina
54. Expel
56. Reality star Ms. de Lesseps
58. Uncanny
59. Apprehension
60. Lettered trucks
61. "Wooow!"
62. "Lean __ __" by Bill Withers
63. Brussels is its cap.
65. Fly type
67. "There but for the grace of God, __ _."

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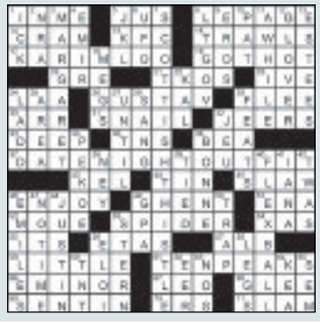

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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		4	6		8	5		
7				1				2
	2	1	4		6	7	9	
	3	8	1		2	4	6	
1				8				9
		9	7		3	2		
		5				6		

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	5	7	3	4	2	9	8
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6	1	7	5	8	3	9	2	4
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